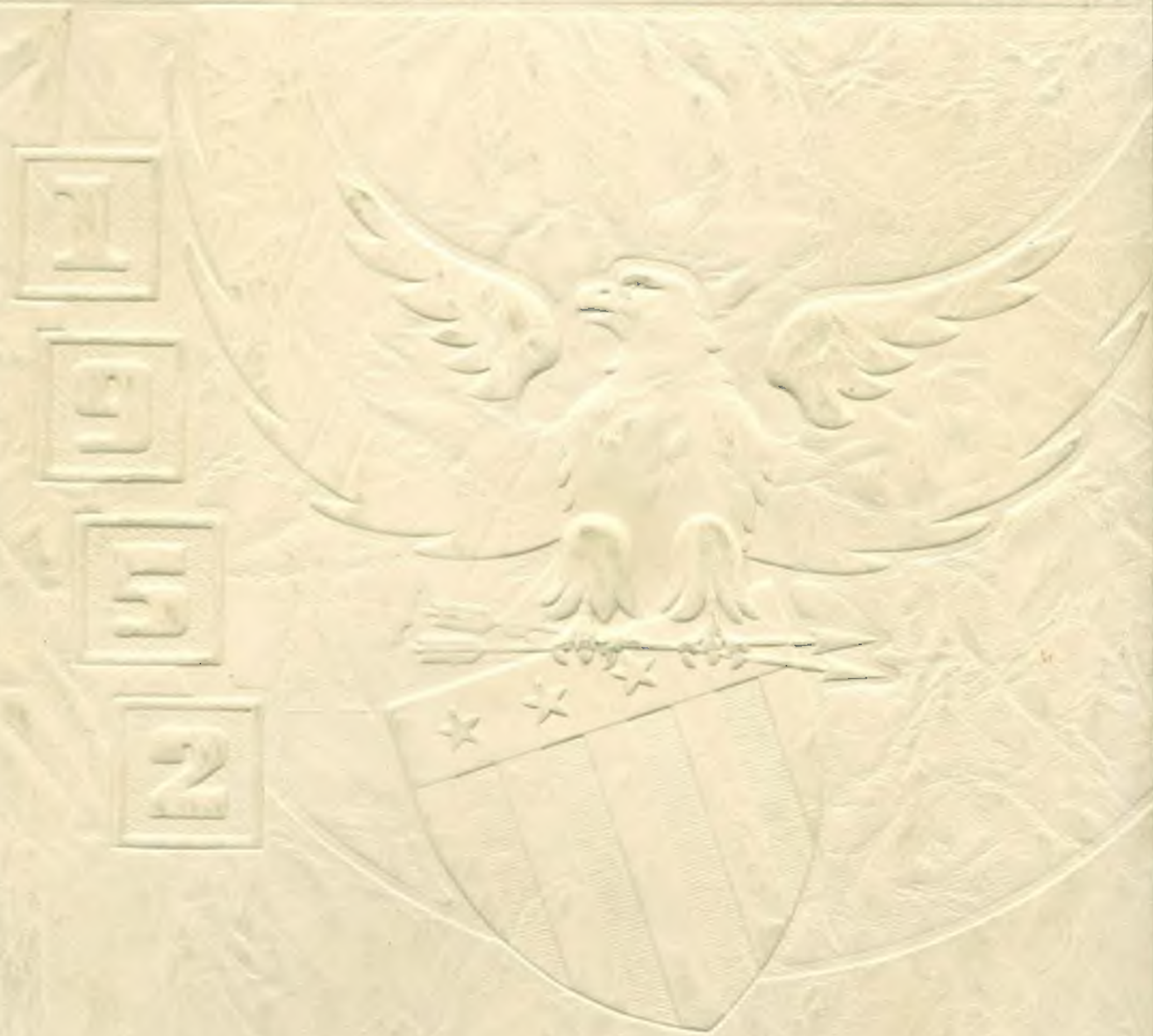


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Eleanor and Robert Todd



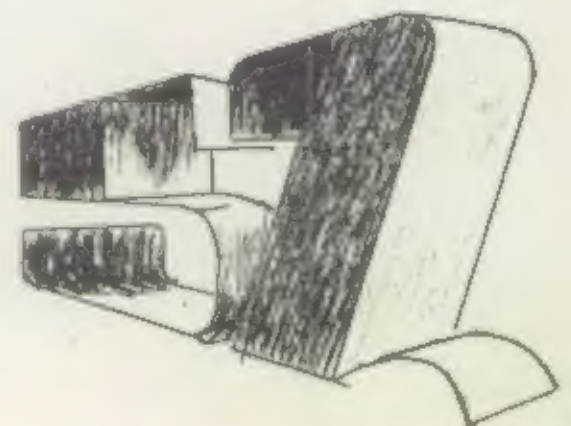
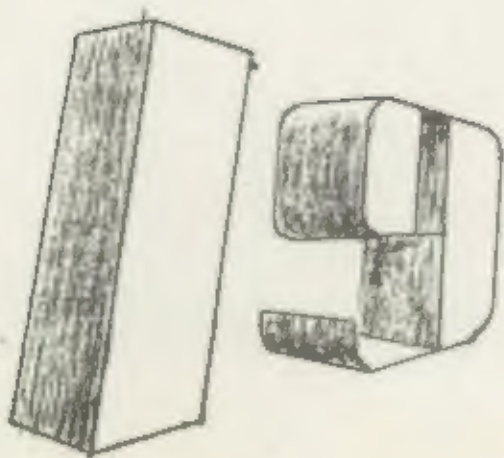
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EDITED BY THE SENIOR CLASS

SPARTA HIGH SCHOOL

Sparta, Michigan

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Foreword

Here in lies the record of Sparta High School for the school year of 1951 - 1952.

With pictures and write-ups we have tried to give you a history of our school days.

We Seniors will take this book as sort of a memory of our days at S. H. S.

Also we will always remember our days at Sparta with all its studying and pleasures.



Dedication

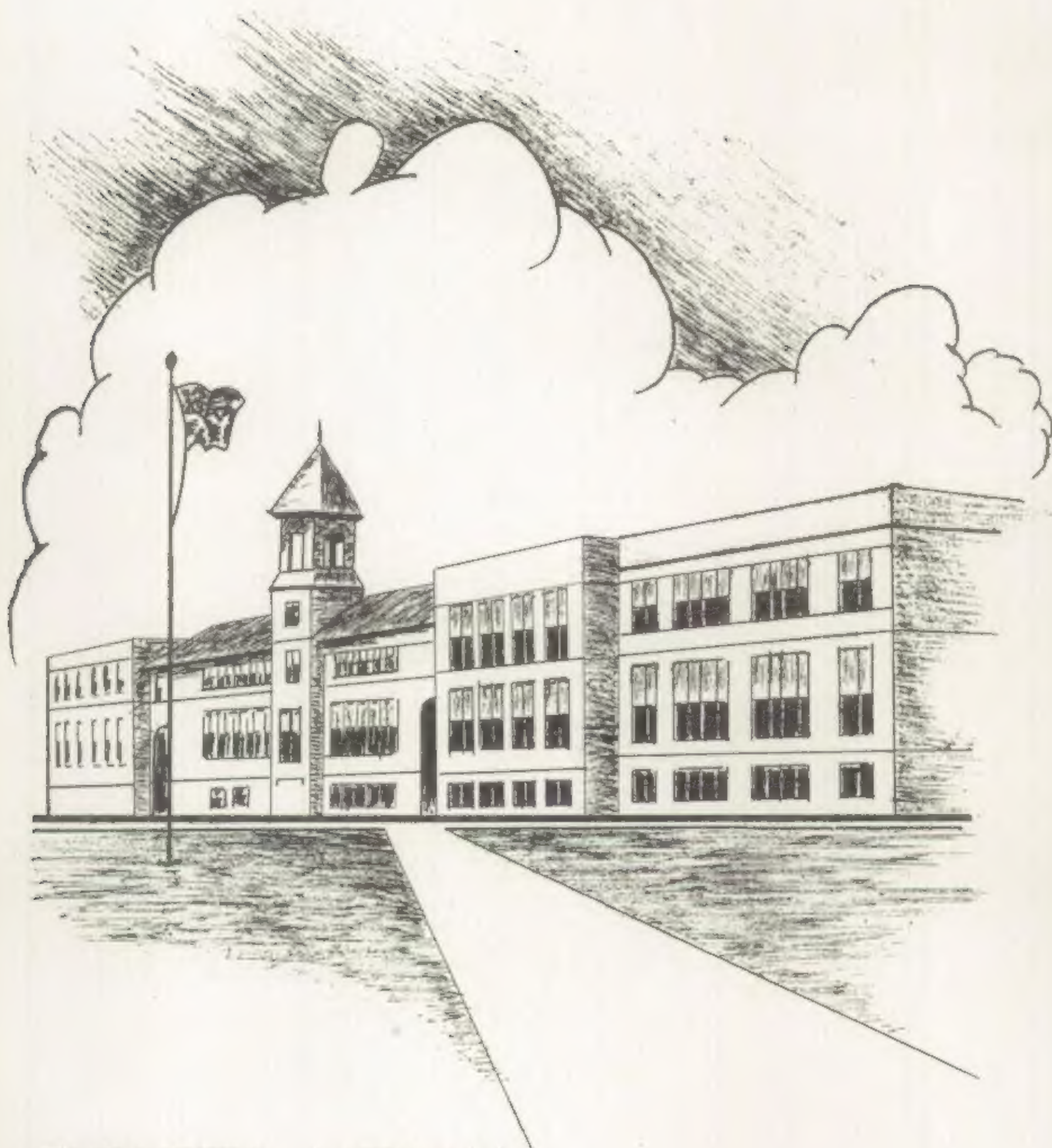


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Dedication

The Class of 52 would like to take this opportunity to express our thanks to Dr. F. L. Bull for his kindness and generosity in trying to help the students of Sparta High School.

When ever there was a physical examination to be given or a nose to be set, Dr. Bull always gave generously of his time and talents.



SPARTA HIGH



Administration

Faculty



WM. H. DEHART
Superintendent



J. GARDNER
Principal



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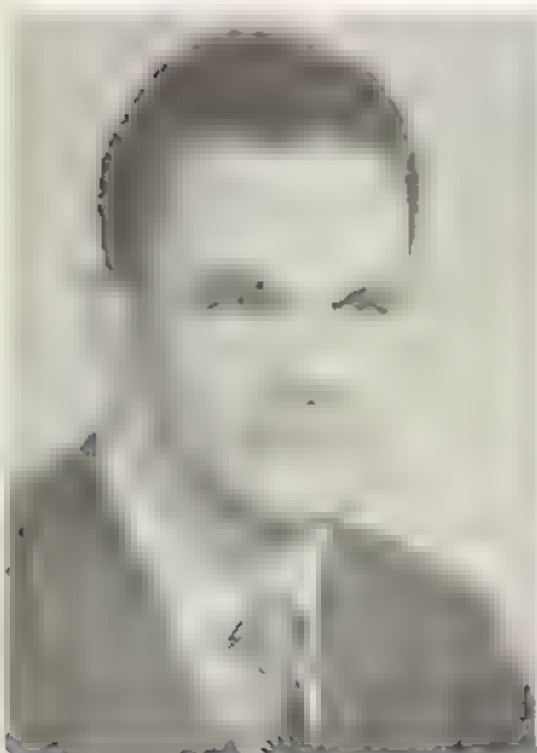
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M. HANNA



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F. HUMESTON



A. KOBER



Seniors



ADVISORS

MRS. WILLIAM LA VINE

MR. V. Y. TUTTLE



Class Officers



PAUL HEATH (Pete)

Class President 1, 4; Class Treasurer 3;
Football 1, 2, 3V, 4V; Baseball 1V, 2V, 3V,
4V; Basketball 1, 2V, 3V, 4V; Junior-Senior
Play; Tyrotars 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Senate 1,
2, 3; Secretary 3; Varsity Club 2, 3, 4; Chorus
1, 2, 3, 4.

JOAN WAHLSTROM (Jo)

Class Vice President 4; Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4;
Journalism 3, 4; Cheerleading 2, 3, 4; D. A.
R. Award 4.



DONNA REISTER

Class Secretary 3, 4; Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Journalism
1, 2, 3, 4; Echo Editor 4; Senior Play; Band 2, 3, 4;
Annual Write-Ups.

DAVID ALLISON (Dave)

Class Treasurer 4; Class Vice President 3; Track 3;
Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Tyrotars 4; Library 3, 4; Assistant
Director Senior Play.



Seniors



ARDEN AFTON (Ardie)
Play Committee Chairman



JANIS ANDERSON (Jan)
Basketball 1, 2V, 3V, 4V; Band 1, 2, 3, 4;
Tennis 2; Senate 3, 4, Secretary 3, 4;
Chorus 1, 2, 3; Correspondence 1, 2, 3, 4,
President 4; Journalism 3, 4; Junior-Senior
Play; Class Secretary 1.



LOUISE BEAR
Basketball 1, 2; Journalism 3; Class Treas.
1; F. H. A. 1; Chorus 2, 3.



FRANKLIN BERGER (Stork)
Football 1, 2; Basketball 1, 2, 3V, 4V;
Baseball 1, Track 3; Band 1, 2, 3, 4;
Orchestra 1, 2; Chorus 1, 2.



FRANK BLACKALL
Football 4V; Junior-Senior Play.



BARBARA CLAY (Barb)
Basketball 1; Journalism 3, 4; Correspondence
1; Library 1, 2; Chorus 1, 2, 4.



EVELYN DARLING (Ev)
 Basketball 1; Tennis 2; Senior Play;
 Journalism 4; F. H. A. 4; Library 2;
 Chorus 2.



DONALD DORMAN (Don)
 Tyrotars Vice President 4; Class President 3;
 Library 2; Annual Business Manager.



DONNA DUFORT
 Basketball 1V, 2V, 3V, 4V; Journalism 3.
 Correspondence 1; Junior Play; F. H. A. 1, 2;
 Chorus 2, 3, 4; Cheerleading 1, 2, 3, 4.



JOHN ERBES (Jim)
 Annual Photography



LUANNE FAHLING (Louie)
 Basketball 1, 2V, 3V, 4V; Band 2, 3, 4; Senior
 Play; Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4.



JACK FRASER
 F. F. A. 2, 3, 4; Chorus 4;



GORDON FULKERSON (Popcorn)
Basketball 1, 2, 4; Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 2;
Tennis 1V, 2V, 3V, 4V; Tyrotars 4; Band 4;
Library 3, 4. Chem Club 3.

MARY GRICE
Basketball 1; Journalism 3; Correspondence
2; Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4.



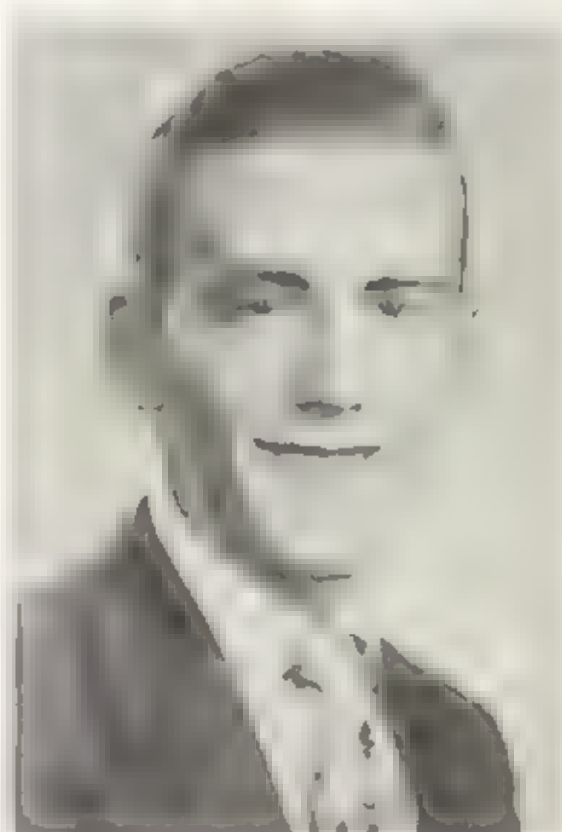
ROSE GULES
Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4.

ALBERT HALE (Bubby)
F. F. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Chorus 1, 2, 4.



YVONNE HERINGTON
Basketball manager 4; Junior, Senior
Play; Journalism 4; F. H. A. 1; Chorus
1, 2, 3, 4.

ROBERT HOOVER (Bob)
Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 3; Track
1, 2, 3, 4; Junior Play; Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4.





NANCY JOHNSON (Nanc)
Journalism 3; F. H. A. 2, 3; Library
1, 2; Chorus 2, 3, 4.



DANIEL KLINE (Dan)
F. F. A. 3, 4; Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4.



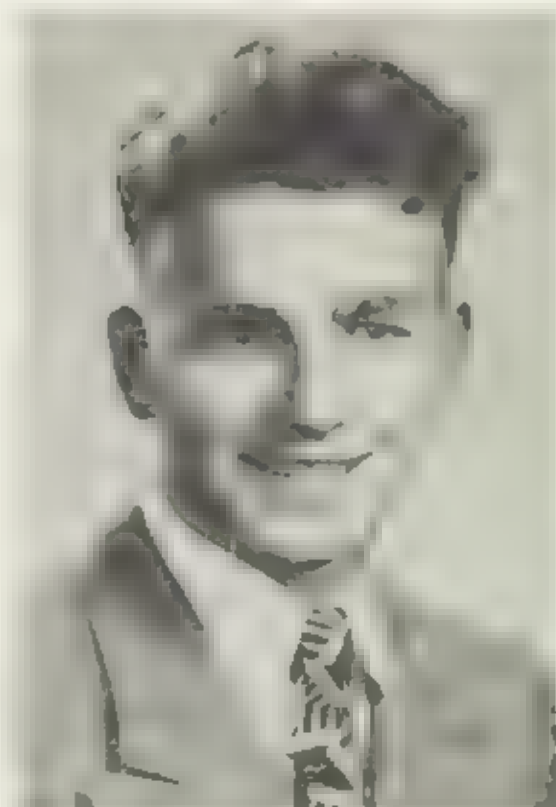
PATRICIA LaPREZE (Pat)
Basketball 1, 2; F. H. A. 1, 2; Correspondence
1, 2; Chorus 2, 3, 4.



JOHN KIK (Johnny)
Football 3V, 4V; Track 2; Tyrotary 3; Senate
Senate 1, 2, 3, 4; Vice President 3;
President 4; Class Vice President 2;
Varsity Club 4; Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Annual
Sales Manager.



MARGARET KUTZLI (Marge)
Basketball 3, 4; F. H. A. 3; Correspondence 1;
Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Cheerleading 1.



MARVIN LOCKARD (Mert)



YVONNE LOCKARD
F. H. A. 1, 2, 4.

ALOE LONGCORE
F. H. A. 1; Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4.



DONALD LYMBURNER (Don)
Tennis 3, 4; Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4.

PATRICIA NELTON (Pat)
F. H. A. 1; Chorus 3, 4.



THOMAS NORTON (Tom)
Football 1, 2V, 3V, 4V; Track 1;
Basketball 1, 2, 3; Baseball 1, 2V, 3V,
4V; Senate 1, 2, 3; Varsity Club 2, 3, 4;
Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4.

CHARLES OLSON (Chuck)
Journalism 3; Correspondence 2;
Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4.





EUGENE OSTMAN (Joe)
 Football 1V, 2V, 3V, 4V; Track 2,
 3V, 4V; Baseball 1; Band 1, 2; Basketball
 2, 3V; Varsity Club 2, 3, 4; Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4.

ROSE PICCARD
 F. H. A. 1, 2; Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4.



MARILYN POWNEY (Lynn)
 Basketball 1, 2; Journalism 3, 4; Correspondence
 1, 2, 3, 4; Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4.

CORINNE REISTER (Corky)
 Senior Play; Band 2, 3, 4; Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4.



JOHN REISTER (Johnny)
 Football 1, 2, 3V, 4V; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4V;
 Tyrotars 4; Senate 4; Varsity 4; Chorus 1;
 Chess Club 2; Annual Editor.

WILLIAM REYBURN (Bill)





JAMES RINGELBERG (Jim)
Tennis 4; F. F. A. 3, 4; Library 3, 4;
Speech Contest 3.



ELI ROBERTS (PeeWee)
Football 1, 2V, 3V, 4V; Track 3V, 4V,
Baseball 1, 2, 3V, 4V; Journalism 1, 2;
Tyrotars 3, 4, Pres. 4; Junior-Senior
Play; Class Pres. 2; F. F. A. 1; Varsity
Club 2, 3, 4; Vice Pres. 3, Pres. 4; Chorus
1, 2, 3, 4; Annual Sport Write-Ups.



ANN SCHOOLMASTER
Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Tennis 2; Journalism
3, 4; Senior Play; Correspondence 2;
Orchestra 1, 2; Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Librarian 3, 4.



GERALD SHECKLER (Sheck)
Football 1, 2V, 3V, 4V; Baseball 1V, 2V, 3V, 4V;
Basketball 1, 2V, 3V, 4V; Tyrotars 4; Senate 3, 4;
Class Vice Pres. 1; Varsity Club 1, 2; Chorus 1,
2, 3, 4.



PHYLLIS STORTZ (Phyl)
Tennis 2; Journalism 3; Senate 4; Corre-
spondence 1; Assistant Director Junior Play;
Class Secretary 2; F. H. A. 1; Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4.



NORMAN STRAIGHT (Norm)
Football 1, 2, 3V, 4V; Basketball 1, 2; Track 1,
2, 3V, 4V; Chorus 1, 2, 4.



ARLENE TEWSLEY
Chorus 2, 3, 4.

JANICE TITUS (Jan)
Basketball 1, 2, 3; Journalism 3, 4;
Correspondence 1, 2, 3; Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4;
Senior Play; Cheerleading 1, 2, 3, 4.



LYONE VANZANT
Band 1; Library 3, 4; Chorus 3, 4.

ELIZABETH WALDHERR (Elise)
Journalism 1, 2, 3, 4; Junior Play; Corre-
spondence 1, 2, 3, 4; Library 1, 2; Chorus
1, 2, 3, 4; Cheerleading 1.



MARILYN WATKINS
Journalism 3, 4; Junior, Senior Play; Corre-
spondence 1, 2, 3, 4; F. H. A. 1, 2, 3, Sec. 2,
Vice Pres. 3; Band 3, 4; Library 1, 2; Chorus
2, 3, 4.

DONALD WILSON (Don)
Journalism 3; Correspondence 1, 2, 3; Junior-
Senior Play; F. F. A. 1; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Library
1, 2; Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4.





DONNA WOOLWORTH

Basketball 1, 2; Journalism 4; Corre-
spondence 1, 2; F. H. A. 3, 4; Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4.





Junior-Senior Prom

May 25, 1951 was a thrilling and important day in our Junior year. This was the date of the Junior-Senior Prom and Banquet. Our theme was "Aqua Eve".

The invitations, place cards and menus had the picture of a mermaid on them, to fit in with the under water theme. The banquet, a chicken dinner, was served by the ladies of the Methodist Church.

During the banquet, Beatrice Vandermeer favored us with soft-dinner-music. Shirley Forwood, Anne Fraleigh and Nancy Miller sang two numbers. Eli Roberts acted as Toastmaster, Joan Allen gave the Senior class will, Don Dorman gave the welcome and Ron Nokes gave the response. Mr. DeHart bid the class a fond farewell.

The gym was transformed into the bottom of a sea, with sea weeds and all kinds of fish on the side walls. Davey Jones' Locker was made to serve punch and a mermaid and treasure chest and a big shark added to the decorations. The false ceiling was hung to represent ocean waves and colorful balloons, made to represent fish swimming around, were hung from the ceiling.

Tom Zabooras' Orchestra furnished the music for the dance. At intermission, Jeanne Williams favored us with a dance and Joan Wahistrom sang. So our prom has become a wonderful memory.



Senior Play

On December 13 the class of '52 presented their second play, "Meet Corliss Archer", a comedy in three acts, adapted from F. Hugh Herbert's book by Christopher Sergel.

The play was directed by Mrs. Bernice M. Surrine, assisted by David Allison. The stage setting was the back porch of the Archer's home.

The Characters Were:

Janice Titus	Corliss Archer
Eli Roberts	Mr. Archer
Donna Reister	Mrs. Archer
Yvonne Herington	Louise
Corinne Reister	Mildred
Frank Blackall	Dexter
Donald Wilson	Mr. Franklin
Ann Schoolmaster	Mrs. Franklin
Janis Anderson	Cousin Agnes
Paul Heath	The Doctor
Luanne Fahling	Betty
Marilyn Watkins	The Nurse





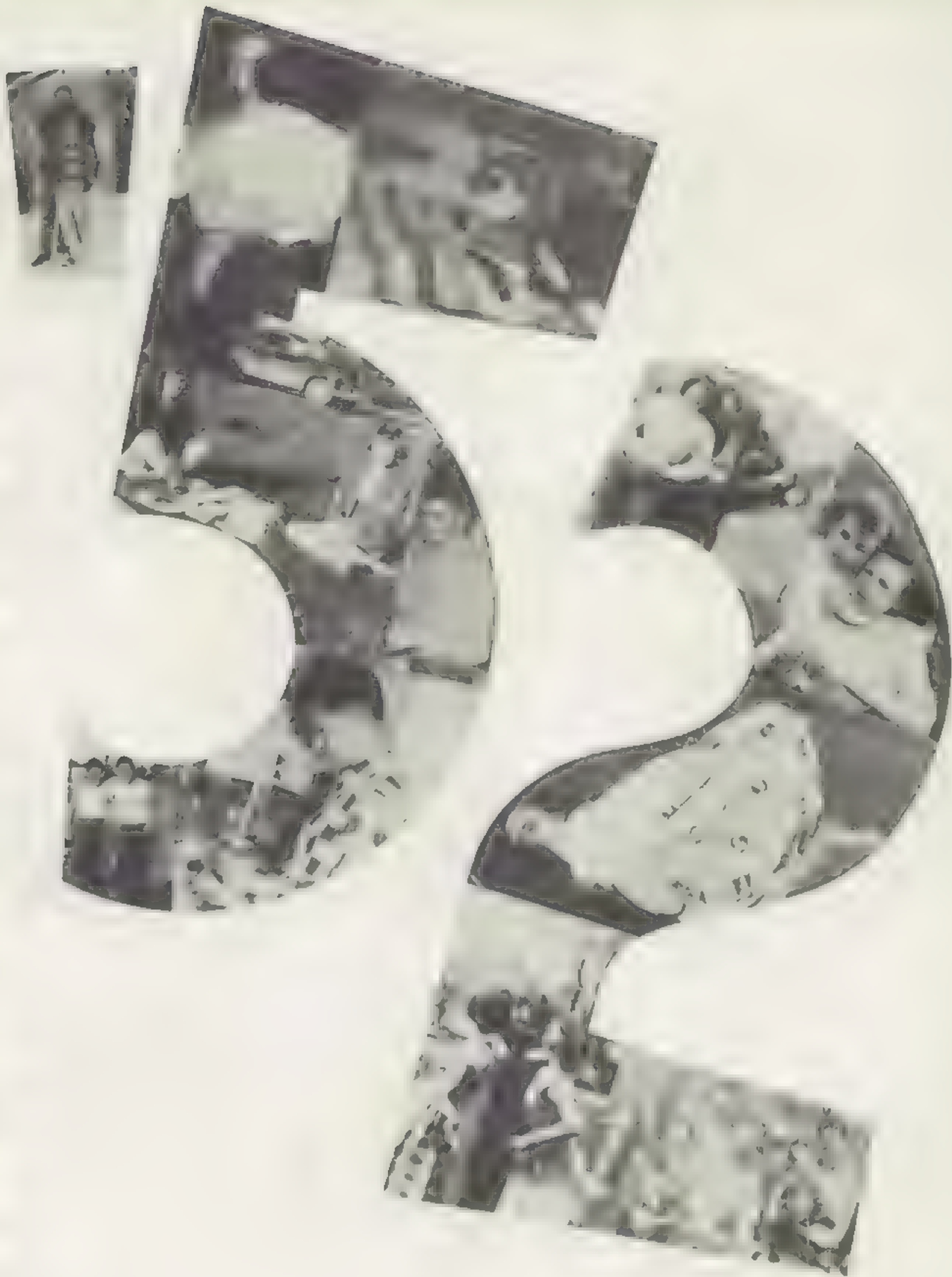
Junior Play

On March 8 and 9 the class of '52 presented their first play, "Hill-billy Courtship", a comedy in three acts, written by Austin Goetz.

The play was directed by Miss Marion Hanna, and she was assisted by Phyllis Stortz, as student director. The stage setting was a cabin in the Ozark Mountains.

The Characters Were:

David Allison,	Luke Stilsby
Donna Dufort,	Emmy Peppin
Yvonne Herington,	Ma Peppin
Janis Anderson,	Lulu Triffit
Elizabeth Waldherr,	Seedie Triffit
Frank Blackall,	Wash Jeddo
Donald Wilson,	Sol Silverstein
Paul Heath,	Louis Carraro
Eli Roberts,	Pappy Stilsby
Marilyn Watkins,	Bridget Flannigan
Robert Hoover,	Reverend Boswell



Class History

In September, 1948, eighty nervous and excited "kids" enrolled as Freshmen. To start our high school years out right, we selected our class officers: President, Paul Heath, Vice President, Jerry Sheckler, Secretary, Janis Anderson, Treasurer, Louise Bear. As our class advisors we chose Mr. Tuttle and Miss Wilson. To represent us in the Senate we elected Paul Heath and John Kirk. Elaine Stark and Elsie Waldherr were chosen to represent us on the Library Board. To get a start on the money end of our class, we held a Baked Goods Sale and collected old clothing and exchanged it for holly and mistletoe, we also sold candy and had a Work Day. The social highlight of our Freshman year was our party, "April Showers".

At last, in September, 1949, we were no longer green Freshmen we were Sophomores. The class officers were: President, Eli Roberts, Vice President, John Kirk, Secretary, Phyllis Stortz, Treasurer, Elaine Stark. The class advisors were Mr. Tuttle and Miss Marshall. Tom Norton was the new Senate representative. Jerry Sheckler and Paul Heath were chosen to represent us on the Athletic Board and Marilyn Watkins was the Library Board representative. The money raising projects were selling decals and stationery and a Baked Goods Sale. Our annual class party was in March and the theme was "Shamrock Shingling".

Then in no time at all we were Juniors with a big year to look forward to. The class officers were: President, Don Dorman, Vice President, Dave Allison, Secretary, Donna Reister, Treasurer, Paul Heath. The class advisors were Mr. Tuttle and Miss Marshall. Janis Anderson was the added member to the Senate and Lyone VanZant represented us on the Library Board. To make money we sold decals, seat cushions, and had a Baked Goods Sale. The bigger money making projects were magazine sales, selling pop, hot dogs, candy, and coffee at the football and basketball games. We also had a Work Day at Leon Parker's Service Station. On March 8 and 9, we presented our play, "Hillbilly Courtship", a comedy under the direction of Miss Hanna. The social high-point of the year was the Junior-Senior Prom and Banquet on May 25. The theme was "Aqua Eve". We also were very proud to get our class rings.

At last we were Seniors. After getting over the idea of being THE big shots, we settled down to work and elected the following officers: President, Paul Heath, Vice President, Joan Wahlstrom, Secretary, Donna Reister, Treasurer, Dave Allison, Library Board, Lyone VanZant, and our new Senators were Phyllis Stortz and John Reister. Mr. Tuttle and Mrs. LaVine were still doing a wonderful job as being class advisors. On December 13, we presented our Sr. play, "Meet Corliss Archer", a comedy in three acts, under the direction of Mrs. Bernice M. Sirrine. On October 19, we presented our Sr. Party, "Autumn Fantasy". Our finances were enlarged by means of Baked Goods Sale, Donut Sales, Book Covers, and other projects. In May, we were the guests of the Juniors at the Banquet and Prom. After our Baccalaureate Service at the Baptist Church, that long awaited night arrived, June, 1952, fifty-three sad and happy people received their diplomas.

This, however, did not end our Senior year, for we had a wonderful time together on our Senior trip and will always remember it.

We, the Senior Class of Nineteen Hundred and Fifty-two, before leaving the sacred portals of Sparta High School and being of strong mind and character, do hereby make this our last will and testament.

The undersigned bequeath:

Senior Class Will

Arden Afton, his ability to make cars to Dick Tinney;
Dave Allison, his car to anybody that can shift it;
Jan Anderson, her basketball ability to Nancy Miller;
Louise Bear, her will power to lose weight to all those who need it,
Frank Berger, his height to Leon VanZant;
Frank Blackall, the art of wrecking cars to Duane Bradford;
Barb Clay, her Literature book to Sue Ringelberg;
Evelyn Darling, the right to go with a guy in the service to Sue Ringelberg,
Don Dorman, his fun in Physics class to Doug Crawford;
Donna Dufort, her number nine basketball uniform to Eleanor Kik;
Jim Erbes, his curly hair to Tom Barber;
Luanne Fahling, her height to Elaine Clintaman;
Jack Fraser, his love to Eleanor Shepard;
Gordon Fulkerson, his Ford to anybody that wants it;
Mary Grice, the fun of being a Senior to any Junior that wants it;
Rose Guiles, her black hair to Francis Ward;
Al Hale, his ability to get along with Mr. Humeston to Don Anderson;
Pete Heath, his basketball uniform to Bob Carroll;
Yvonne Herington, Bob Herington to Vonda Norton;
Bob Hoover, his height to Paul Potts;
Nancy Johnson, the right to go with one guy for four years to Janet Hammerlind,
John Kik, his "Little Black Book" to Glenn Burgess;
Dan Kline, his height to Bill Radeck;
Margaret Kutzli, her love to Carl Moody;
Pat LaPreze, her short hair cut to Mae Ring;
Marvin Lockard, his car to anybody that wants it;
Yvonne Lockard, her office practice teacher to a Junior;
Aloe Longcore, her seat in Government to anybody that wants it;
Don Lymburner, his Government book to anybody that can find it;
Pat Nelson, her quietness to Emily Anderson;
Tom Norton, his love of school to Nelson Mullenix;
Chuck Olson, his "Chev" to Gary Postema;
Eugene Ostman, his ability to get along with Miss Hanna to Mike Feichtenbinder;
Rose Piccard, her "power glide" to her brother;
Lyn Powney, the fun of being cheerleader to Lorinda Lane;
Corinne Reister, her bashfulness to Phyllis Emelander;
Donna Reister, her natural curly hair to Noreen Preston;
John Reister, his football position to Gale Trimble;
Jim Ringelberg, his love of books to Dick Mayo;
Eli Roberts, the football team to next years captain;
Ann Schoolmaster, her seat in the Senior assembly to Betty Trudell;
Jerry Sheckler, his bashfulness to Jerry Shoup;
Phyllis Stortz, the fun of selling doughnuts to the Juniors;
Norm Straight, his art ability to Charles Gilson;
Arlene Tewsley, her seat in Government to Sue Ringelberg;
Jan Titus, the fun of leading the life of Corliss Archer to L. Lane;
Lyone VanZant, her good marks to anyone who needs them;
Joan Wahlstrom, her Cheerleading uniform to Jim McCracken;
Elste Waldherr, the ability to draw the Echo cover to Nancy Miller;
Marilyn Watkins, her pierced ears to Anne Fraleigh;
Don Wilson, the fun of dancing lessons to Charles Gilson;
Donna Woolworth, the Rockford girls to anyone that wants them (except to Don Keeling!)

Prophecy

It is now six years hence, the year 1958, since the class of 1952 graduated from Sparta High School. As we were attending a New York Opera, we were reminded of our classmates when we realized that the famous orchestra conductor was none other than Johnny Kirk. After a wonderful performance, we went back stage to congratulate Johnny. His next performance was to be in Grand Rapids, so he asked us if we would like to go along. Arriving at Grand Rapids, we left Johnny and decided to go on to Sparta and look up more of our classmates. In our excitement we broke the speed limit and were stopped by one of the State Police. But luck was with us when we recognized him to be Eli Roberts. Over the excitement of the meeting, Eli forgot to give us a ticket and we went happily on our way.

Arriving in Sparta we realized that we were very hungry, so we decided to go to the A.D. Eat Shop to get a bite to eat. Very much to our surprise we found James Anderson and Donna Dufort co owners of a very nice restaurant. And who just walked in for lunch!! None other than Phyllis Stortz, Arlene Tewsley, Donna Reister, and Jann Titus. They informed us that they were all secretaries in some of the growing Sparta firms. As we sat talking, Donna told us that Mary Grace, Luanne Fahling, Corrine Reister and Donna Wahlworth also were successful secretaries.

Filled with excitement, we realized the day was rapidly wanning, so we hurried to the old familiar red brick school house and went to see Mr. DeHart. We were very much surprised to hear that Elsie Waldherr was the new kindergarten teacher, and Lyone Van Zant was teaching third grade. Ann Schoolmaster was ably teaching English literature, and Jack Frazer is the assistant agriculture teacher.

As we walked through the new library we noticed several shelves of new books. Looking through them we saw some lovely pictures and were told Joan Wahlstrom was full time book illustrator.

As we left the school we met Nancy Johnson and Aloe Lencore who were happily married and they told us Pat Nelson was planning a military wedding that Spring. As we talked about the armed forces we found that Yvonne Herington was a 2nd Lt. and Pat LaPreze was a Sargeant in the WAFs.

Then we finally journeyed on our way. We ran into Joe Osman whom we were very proud to see, as we knew, he was now a world famous boxer. He informed us that Don Dornan and Tom Norton were doing very well with their boxing careers, and that Pete Heath was now his manager and owner of a large gymnasium.

As we left Joe, we decided to have our car checked and we drove into a very large garage, owned by Dave Allison. We found that Arden Afton and Albert Hale were his chief mechanics. Before we left them they told us to be sure to see Don Wilson's opening performance, as he was now a famous actor. We drove to the theater and were not surprised to find Gordy Fulkerson owner of the new theater.

By this time it was getting dark so we decided to skip across the street to the telephone office. As we walked in we recognized Lynn Powney who was now in charge of the office. We decided to ask Lynn about some of our friends as our time was getting short. We were surprised when she told us Jim Erbes had just been elected water commissioner for Sparta and that Frank Blackhall was a conservation officer. As we talked on, Lynn mentioned that Louise Bear and Marilyn Watkins were both graduate nurses, and that Ruth Clay was a secretary to Frank Session of W.O.O.F. As we were ready to leave Sparta we stopped a minute to talk to Norm Straight, who was just about to go on the night shift in the railroad. Norm told us that Frank Berger, Bob Hoover, and Dan Kline were in the Marines and Marv Lockard, Chuck Olson, Jim Ryselberg, Don Lymburner, and Bill Revorn were doing well in the Air Force. He also told us Rose Gules and Marge Kutza and Yvonne Lockard were telephone operators in Grand Rapids.

Then we asked about Rose Piccard. He said she was married to a prosperous fruit farmer.

As we left Sparta very tired but very happy, we noticed a large factory going up and we stopped a minute to read the sign that read J. Shuckler and J. Reister, Incorporated.

Board of Education



LEFT TO RIGHT: Charles Bromley, Wm. H. DeHart, Superintendent, Wm. A. Rogers, George Fifield, Ed. Lane.



LYNN BRADFORD
President Board of Education
Absent



Custodians



Juniors

Juniors

The Junior Class is busy working on various projects to increase their treasury. Among these were selling at football and basketball games, selling ice cream, magazine sales and other small projects.

The Junior Play, "Rest Assured", was presented under the direction of Miss Marion Hanna.

The social hi-light of the year was the Junior-Senior Prom and Banquet.

Class Officers

President.....Walter Reister
 Vice President..... Don Thorson
 Secretary..... Beatrice Vandermeer
 Treasurer..... Verna Chase
 Senate..... Shirley Orwood



J. AMBURGEY
 E. ANDERSON
 M. ANDERSON
 R. ANDERSON
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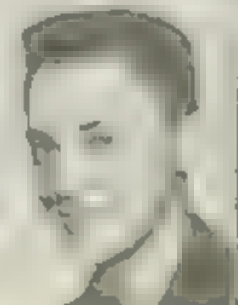
R. BLUMENSTEIN
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V. CHASE
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 P. EMELANDER
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 S. FORWOOD
 A. FRALEIGH
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J. HAMMERLIND
 W. HATTON
 R. HOWARD
 S. JENKINS
 S. KIK



N. KOBER
E. KREWSON
L. LANE
C. LARSON
L. LINE

J. LOCKARD
B. MACIEJEWSKE
R. MAYO
R. McCracken
S. MERCHANT

N. MILLER
C. MOODY
N. MULLENIX
B. MURPHY
J. NASON

V. NORTON
W. RADECK
W. REISTER
S. RINGELBERG
E. ROBERT'S

A. SAUR
R. SAUR
B. SCHWANDER
E. SHANGLE
E. SHEPARD

J. SHOUP
R. SMITH
L. STARK
D. THORSON
D. TRUAX

B. TRUDELL
B. VANDERMEER
E. WALCUTT
P. WATT
D. WHITEHOUSE

R. WILLIAMS

Absentees

J. BELLAMY
C. CRAWFORD
C. GILSON
R. HERINGTON
R. INGERSOL

W. JOHNSON
R. KLOCKO
J. ROBERTS
R. SCHAEFER
S. STEINERT



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Sophomore Class

The Sophomores began a successful money making year by paying their dues. Projects such as, paper drives, pie sale, selling basketball schedule pencils, candy sale and selling magazine subscriptions were also undertaken to make money. The Sophomores are looking forward to receiving their class rings in May

The social hi-light of the year was on February 29, 1952, when they presented their class party

Class Officers

President Don Bradford
Vice President Duane Bradford
Secretary Marie Canic
Treasurer Joan Pope
Senate Judy Wilson



L. AMBURGEY
M. AMIDON
A. ANDERSON
D. ANDERSON
M. ANDERSON
F. ATKINS

E. BARR
D. BATES
C. BELLAMY
D. BEDUHN
M. BLOOMSTROM
D. BRADFORD

D. BRADFORD
G. BURGETT
R. CLAY
M. CANIC
R. CARLSON
R. CARLSON

L. CHAPMAN
H. COURTURIER
N. CREVELING
D. CUMINGS
R. DeLANGE
R. DERCK



V. DAVENPORT
S. DeVOS
G. ERHART
J. FAHLING
B. FERGUSON
C. GOLD

K. GRAVES
L. GREY
S. HANNA
B. HAY
D. HELSEL
N. HILER

E. IRISH
D. JENKINS
J. JOHNSON
E. KALMINS
A. KELLOGG
E. KIK

R. KLEIN
J. KOBER
C. LAUFFER
J. LONGCORE
A. LUNDQUIST
L. LUNDQUIST

J. McCracken
N. MEGINLEY
R. PENNINGTON
M. PHELPS
H. PICCARD
M. PLESCHER

J. POPE
N. PRESTON
R. RADECK
M. RING
M. RING
P. RUSSELL

R. SCHUILING
J. SCHWAB
L. SHUE
L. SIMMONS
R. SIMMONS
D. SINGLETON

R. SINGLETON
T. STORTZ
D. THOMAS
R. TINNEY
J. TITUS
D. TRIMBLE

G. TRIMBLE
J. TURNER
J. VAN ZANT
J. WILSON
E. CLINTSMAN
M. AUSTIN

D. USHER
F. WARD

absent

G. DUNN
M. POLING



Freshmen

Freshmen Class

The year of 1951-1952 was a busy year for the freshmen money making projects were the main interest. Some of the ways money was earned were a baked goods sale, rags drive, scrap drive and dancing for the P. T. A. Fun Fair.
The first class party presented was a thrilling evening in the month of March.

Class Officers

President.....Patsy Reister
Vice President.....Nancy Gardner
Secretary.....Barb Scheneman
Treasurer.....Kay Kober



D. ALBION
D. ANDERSON
E. ANDERSON
M. ANDERSON
I. ARMOUR
S. BANCROFT
I. BATES

C. BAUGHN
R. BEAUFORT
G. BLACKMAN
G. B. L. MENSTEIN
B. BROWN
P. BROWNMAN
A. BRADFORD

S. CARPENTER
M. CHASE
A. COALTER
A. COOPER
R. COOPER
B. CROWLEY
B. DENNIS

J. DEWEY
M. FAISING
D. FITZNER
K. GARNER
P. GRICE
F. GILES
A. GUNNISON

R. HATTEN
S. HERTLING
G. HODGE
A. HODGWATER
A. HOLLER
B. HOLLER
P. HOLLER

P. IRISH
A. JACOBY
M. JACOBY
P. JAECKE
B. JENKINS
J. JOHNSON
K. JOHNSON



ABSENTEES

J. ARNOLD
P. BARBER
T. BARBER
N. ELVE
R. HAMMER
W. RIDER
D. WALCUTT
E. WATKINS
E. JORDON

G. KOBER
K. KOBER
K. KRUPP
B. KUTZLI
B. LEDBETTER
B. LEWIS
F. LOCKARD

F. LUSK
O. MARTZ
L. MITCHELL
R. MONTGOMERY
B. MOURER
M. MURPHY
H. MYERS

F. NEQUIST
N. NESTER
G. NORTON
R. PARMETER
M. PENLAND
B. PHINNEY
C. PHINNEY

K. PIKE
K. PINCKNEY
M. PINCKNEY
G. POSTEMA
P. POTTS
W. PRESTON
P. REISTER

M. RING
F. ROGERS
L. SARGENT
M. SARGENT
N. SCHAEFER
B. SCHENEMAN
J. SCOPY

D. SHANGLE
O. SHANNON
D. SHEPARD
R. SHEPARD
E. SIDLAUSKAS
L. SIMONS
J. STANTON

M. STARK
C. TELDER
R. VANDERHYDE
G. VAN DYKE
I. VAN NATTER
M. VOGEL
L. WATKINS

L. WHITCOMB
J. WHITEHOUSE
M. WITT
O. WOOLWORTH
B. CUMINGS
D. FOSTER
M. KELLOGG
R. KLENK



Junior High

EIGHTH GRADE



K. ANDERSON
M. ALSTIN
D. BENEDICT
I. BRUKS
D. BURGESS
I. CARBONEAU
D. CARPENTER

I. CARPENTER
T. DAVENPORT
J. DAVID
D. DELANGE
G. DELNOF
D. DEWEY
M. DRISCOLL

J. ERIANT
M. FONGER
A. FRIES
C. FULLER
C. GILES
R. GILES

V. HARRISON
A. HERINGTON
B. HESSEL
L. HESSEL
L. HILTON
B. HOSMER
B. HOSMER

E. INCHWILL
R. KAUFMAN
L. KLEIN
R. KLEIN
K. KLEIN
C. KUTZLI
P. LOCKHART

J. McCRACKEN
N. McCUNE
D. MILLER
L. NORTON
R. NORTON
L. ODDI
O. PARRA

B. PARMER
V. PINKNEY
J. PORTER
A. RAPEL
D. REIM
R. ROBERTSON
M. SHUP

P. SHULT
B. SINGLETON
M. SINGLETON
D. STINERT
F. STICKEL
D. SWANSON
R. SWANSON

B. TANNER
L. TRESSDALE
S. THAYER
M. TOPPING
C. TWITCHELL
E. VANDYKE
A. WALDIEB

M. WALLS
T. WELCH
W. WIER
J. WILLIAMS
M. WILLIAMS
R. WILSON
A. WOOLWORTH

V. ZWYGHUIZEN

SEVENTH GRADE



M. AMIDON
E. ANDERSON
J. ANDRUS
N. ANDRUS
J. AMRUCK
C. ARNOLD

I. BABCOCK
K. BEAR
B. BERL
L. BRADFORD
B. CARPENTER
S. CARRIEP

M. CHAPMAN
R. CHESNEY
A. COALTER
L. CUSTER
D. CRAWFORD
M. CROWLEY

M. DeLOOF
K. EBERN
J. EKSTER
F. FULLMER
J. GANGWER
C. GASS

G. GILLET
R. GILLES
D. HARRISON
E. HILF
A. JACOBS
F. KAIBEGAN

F. KATCHKA
M. KRUPP
H. LITTLE
S. LOCKARD
E. MIDDLECAMP
R. PENNINGTON

C. RANSOM
B. REED
A. ROCKERS
W. RUSSELL
B. SALT
R. SCHULTING

L. SCHUT
K. SHANGLE
T. STEVENS
J. SULLIVAN
R. THAYER
D. THOMAS

R. TRAMPER
J. TRIMBLE
A. VANSPLINTER
A. WOODEN

K. HUDSON
R. JORDON
C. WILLMER





Sparta 7-7 Newaygo
 Sparta 20-0 Cedar Springs
 Sparta 34-6 Hudsonville
 Sparta 19-6 Coopersville
 Sparta 6-0 Comstock Park
 Sparta 39-13 Grant
 Sparta 6-7 Belding
 Sparta 35-6 Kent City
 Sparta 27-27 Rockford

TOP ROW: G. Erhart, Mgr; K. Graves, Mgr;
 Coach Harris, Coach Betchek, D. Shangles, Mgr;
 J. McCracken, Mgr. SECOND ROW: J. Bellamy,
 R. Carlson, D. Bradford, J. Lockard, E. Watkins,
 D. Thomas, D. Bradford. THIRD ROW: R. Schu-
 ling, D. Mayo, E. Shangle, B. Radeck, G. Bur-
 gett, J. Whitehouse. BOTTOM ROW: J. Kik, G.
 Sheckler, J. Ostman, P. Heath, E. Roberts, T.
 Norton, N. Straight, F. Blackall, J. Reister.

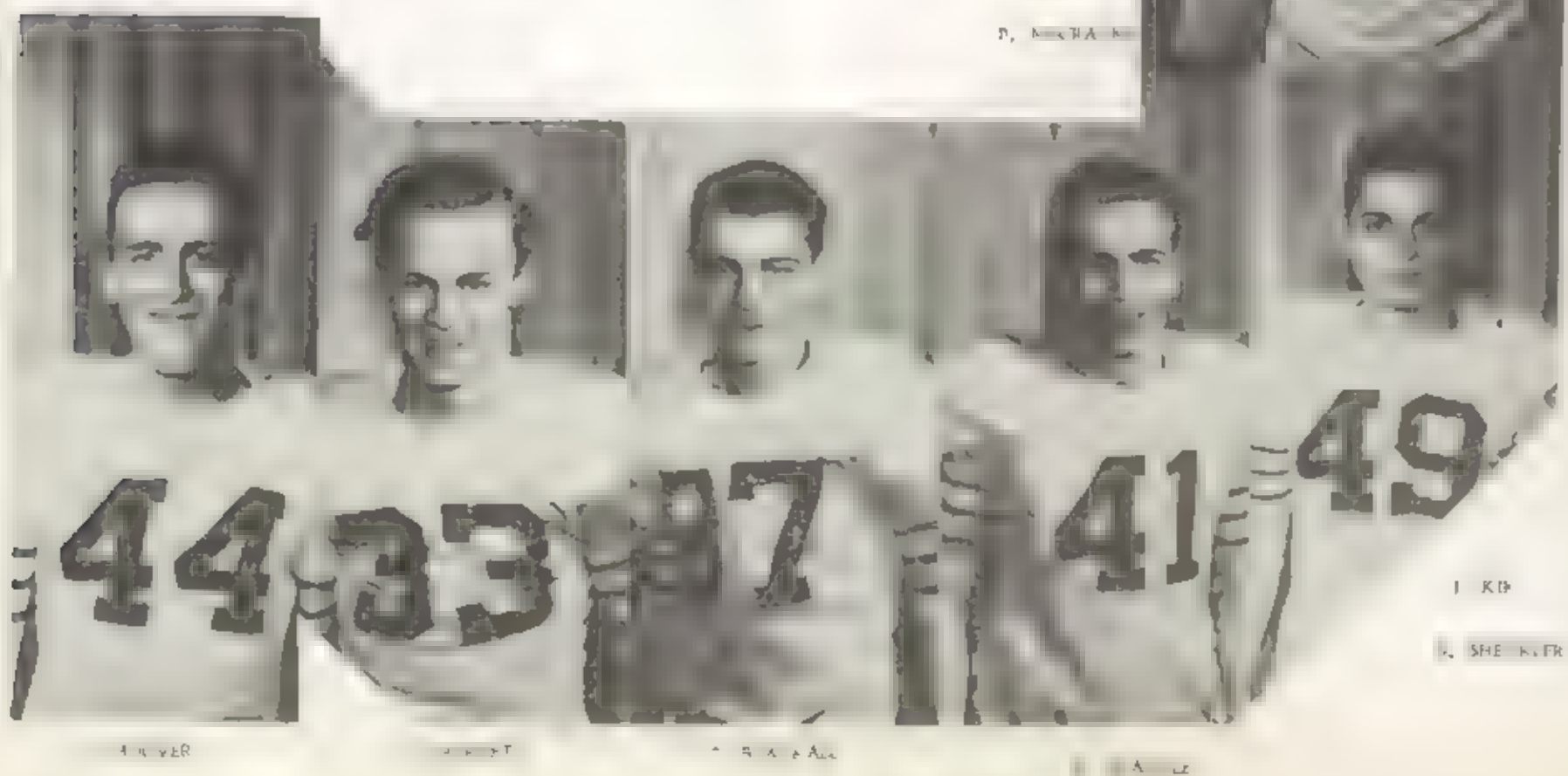
Football

After an absence of one year, 1951, saw Sparta again climb to the leadership of the Ken-Owa League. In defeating five conference opponents, Sparta's scoring power from any part of the field highlighted the season. Also the meager number of touchdowns dealt out by the defensive unit indicated the all around ability of this team. The over-all season showed 6 wins, 2 ties, and the only loss being a 7-6 heartbreaker to Belding.

The students of Sparta High, together with the team, agree that the "Coach of the Year" award should go to Norman Harris, who, in his first year of prep coaching produced a championship team.

To pick an outstanding player is nearly impossible but the impressive offensive and defensive work turned in by Captain Eli Roberts must be mentioned. The definite strength of this team, was shown when eight players E. Ostman, J. Shoup, E. Roberts, J. Reister, J. Sheckler, P. Heath, G. Burgett, and J. Kik were named on the All-Ken-Owa squad of 1951.

Football Lettermen





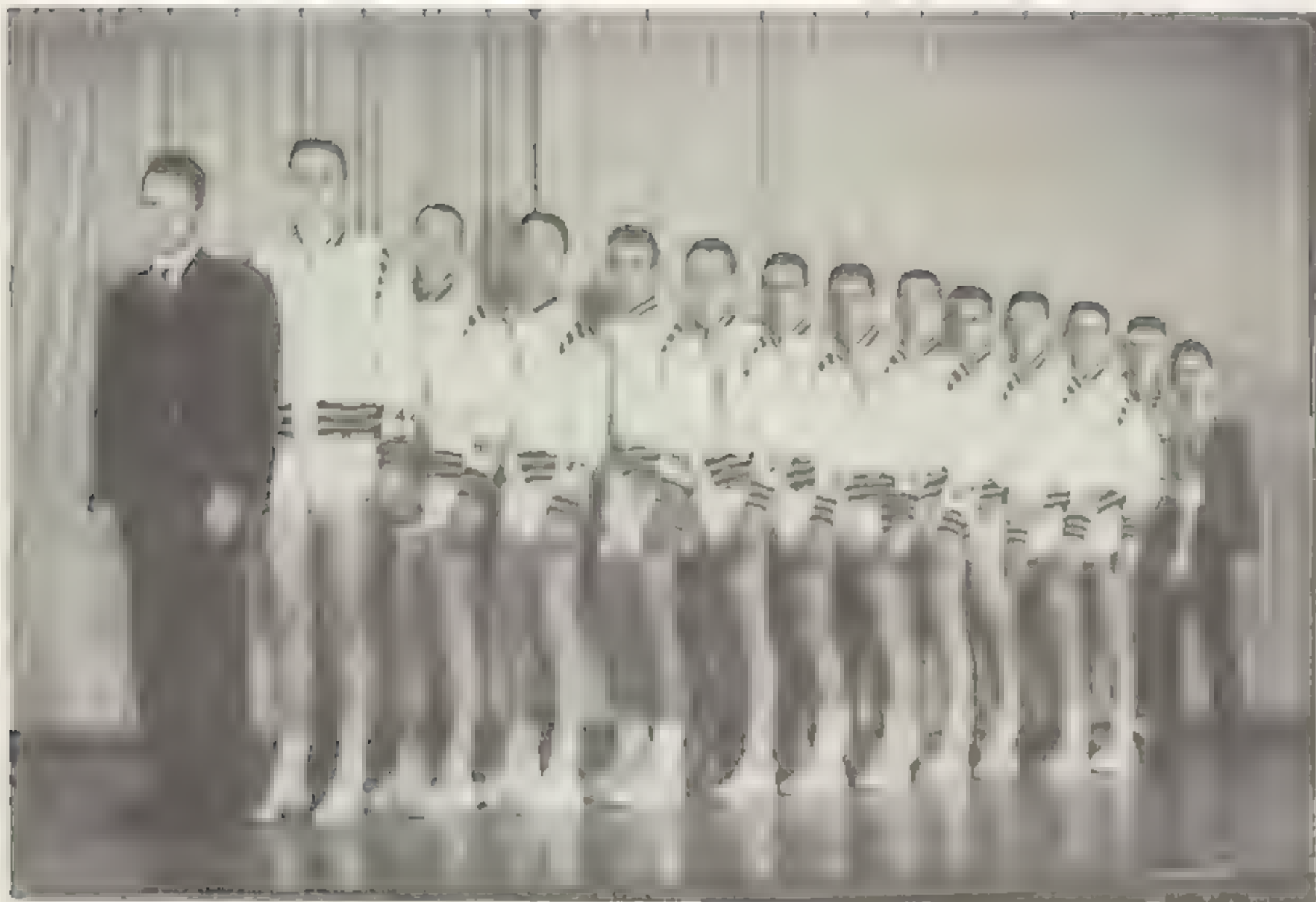
PASS BY HEATH



HANDOFF TO SHECKLER



HEATH THROUGH THE MIDDLE



LEFT TO RIGHT- Coach J. Betchek, F. Berger, D. Thorson, D. Trimble, E. Sharple, R. Anderson, G. Sheckler, R. Howard, G. Trimble, J. Shoup, M. Feichtenbliner, P. Heath, G. Erhart, K. Graves

The Sparta High School cage team, coached by Jim Betchek, Western Michigan College graduate, showed great improvement during the 1951-1952 basketball season over the teams that have been fielded at Sparta for several years.

The Spartan basketball five opened the season with a thrilling contest at Lowell, a member of the Grand Valley League. Although the Spartans lost that contest, by four points, it plainly showed that this year's team would be a definite improvement over the one from last season. As the season progressed, it became more evident that the Spartans would be definite contenders for the championship of the league. However, they were forced to finish in third place.

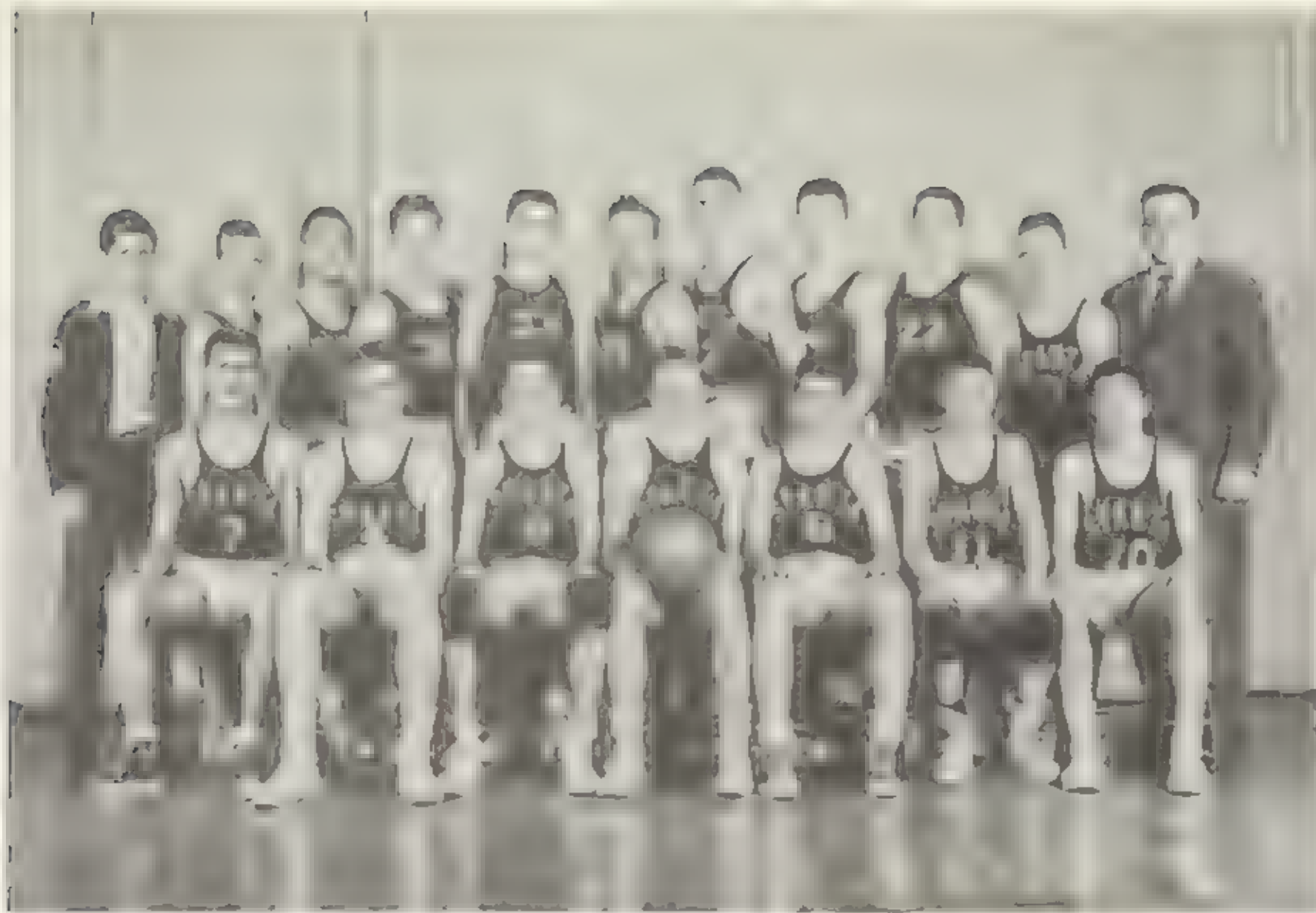
Two seniors, two juniors, and one sophomore made up the starting line-up throughout most of the season. Jerry Sheckler senior guard, was the sparkplug of the team on defense and offense. Although Jerry was not among the top scorers, he proved himself one of the league's best rebound men and ball handlers.

One of the most improved ball players on the team was the other senior member of the varsity starting five, Pete Heath. Pete proved himself a sharp shooter by finishing among the top three leading scorers on the team. Rounding out the starting five we had Mike Feichtenbliner, Dick Anderson, and Dale Trimble.

One of the biggest surprises of the season was the fine work of twins Dale and Gale Trimble. These two, brought up from the second team at the start of the season, adapted themselves to the varsity quickly. The varsity substitutes bear mentioning. There was one other senior on the team, Frank Berger, who was capable of playing a top offensive game at the pivot spot. Dick Howard, junior forward, was one of the team's top scorers and will be of great help next year.

Basketball Lettermen





STANDING LEFT TO RIGHT: K. Graves, P. Barber, R. Pennington, J. Whitehouse, A. Lundquist, R. Schutling, W. Johnson, R. Klein, D. Anderson, T. Barber, Coach Harris. BOTTOM ROW: D. Mayo, J. Lockard, D. Bradford, D. Bradford, R. Simmons, J. McCracken, B. Carroll.

RESERVE BASKETBALL 1951 -- 52

The Sparta reserve squad showed form and scoring power during the early part of the season, winning eight out of the first nine games. Led by the high scorer Bradford twice, the reserves average 40 points a game, while going undefeated through the first round of league games.





BACK ROW, left to right A. Saur, J. Dewey, B. Houk, C. Bouphan, N. Gardner, A. Coler, P. Bowman, S. Hanna, B. Jenkins, J. Kober, N. Megawley, M. Anderson. SECOND ROW, Y. Herrington, A. Houk, P. Reister, M. Kutzli, A. Schoolmaster, L. Amburgey, M. Phelps, D. Jennings, K. Kober, J. Arnock, J. Amburgey, Miss Russell. FRONT ROW, E. Kix, J. Nason, E. Anderson, S. Farwood, V. Norton, D. Defort, J. Anderson, L. Krewson, N. Miller, C. Bellamy, B. Trudell, L. Fahling.

Girl's Basketball Team

There were over 40 girls in the basketball squad this year coached by Miss Russell. Of these girls 5 were seniors. Janis Anderson and Joan Fahling, first team guards, Derna Defort first team forward, and Margaret Kutzli, and Ann Schoolmaster, substitutes.

Games were scheduled with Coopersville, Homstock Park and Keokuk City. There were also two practice games with Rockford. Class games were played to finish the season.

Yvonne Herrington was chosen by the girls as Manager and Arlen Saur acted as Assistant Manager.

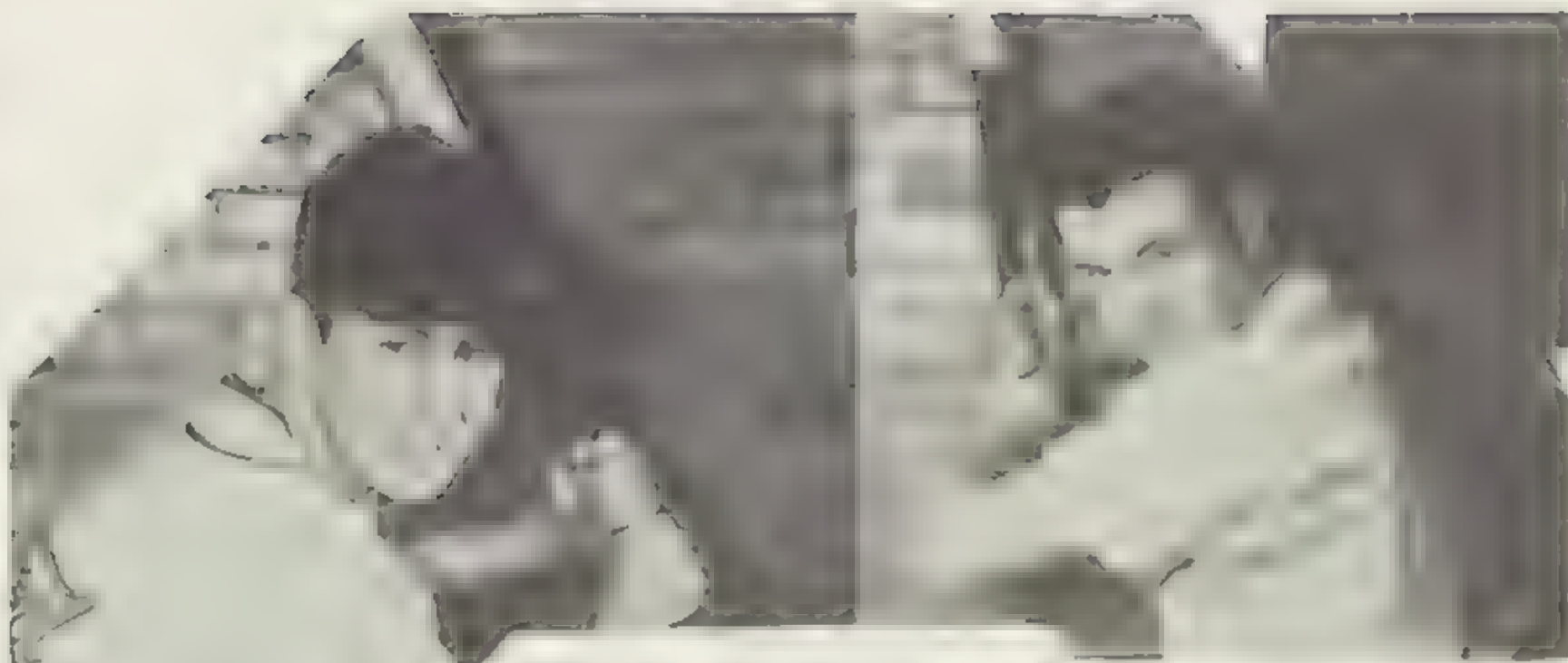


TOP ROW, Left to Right: Coach Todd, D. Bradford, L. Bloom, R. Rideck, J. Reister, J. Sheckler, D. Howard, D. Thorson, B. Rogers;
 SECOND ROW, Left to Right: G. Elfield, M. Feichtenbiner, T. Norton, E. Roberts, B. Radeck, D. Reed, D. Kik, J. Shoup;
 BOTTOM ROW, Left to Right: B. McCracken, D. Anderson, P. Heath, D. Bradford, B. Carroll, J. McCracken, Mgr. J. Rowen.

Sparta's baseball team in 1951 tied Comstock Park for the league leadership. After defeating Comstock Park early in the season, Sparta later was defeated by an in and out Cedar Springs team. Don Kik completed his high school career in brilliant fashion, ably aided by a sound defensive team. Sheckler developed into a fine catcher which helped the team greatly. The infield was composed of Dick Anderson, Pete Heath, Bud Radek and Mike Feichtenbiner, and the outfield had Tom Norton, George Elfield and Dick Reed in it. The record of the team for the season was six games won and four lost.

LEAGUE GAMES

Sparta 11	Comstock Park 3
Sparta 2	Cedar Springs 3
Sparta 6	Kent City 0
Sparta 6	Hudsonville 1
Sparta 3	Coopersville 2



T. NORTON



P. HEATH

G. SHECKLER



E. ROBERTS

J. REISTER

Tennis

May 2-Cedar Springs-Won
 May 9-Cedar Springs-Won
 May 21-Coopersville-Won
 May 24-Rockford---Lost
 May 25-Coopersville-Won
 May 28-State Tournament
 -Lost

Doubles

Blumenstein-Mayo	W. - 2	L. - 2
Graves-Simmons	W. - 2	L. - 2

Singles

Reister	W. - 3	L. - 2
Fulkerson	W. - 5	L. - 0



B. BLUMENSTEIN G. FULKERSON

E. WALCUTT

R. SIMMONS

W. REISTER

D. MAYO

K. GRAVES

R. DeLANGE

D. CRAWFORD



STANDING, LEFT TO RIGHT Coach Barber, E. Roberts, E. Shangles, R. Hoover, R. Nokes, Coach Harris. BOTTOM ROW S Bradford, B. Rogers, J. Ostman, C Burgett, N. Straight, R. Fales.

Track

The varsity track squad starting from scratch came up with some good individual records. During the regular season high point men included Norm Denton, Gene Ostman, Glenn Burgett, Bill Rogers, Russ Fales, Ed Shangle, and Norm Straight.

In the regional meet in Grand Rapids, Glenn Burgett placed first in the 100 yd. dash, Bill Rogers placed first in the Shot Put, and Ed Shangle ran in thrilling mile to come in second. This qualified these tracksters for the state Class "C" finals.

The climax of the season placed Burgett third in the 100 yd. dash and Rogers sixth in the Shot Put. With the majority of the members returning, Sparta's Track Team should show up well in 1952.



FIRST AND TEN



AROUND LEFT END



WE WON---WE'RE CHAMPS



AN EXTRA BY MIKE



OFF THE BOARD



NICE SHOT "STORK"



Cheer Leaders



J. WAHLSTROM

J. TITUS

FIRST ROW Left to Right E. K. K. C. Belamy, M.

Andesson

SECOND ROW Left to Right J. Pope,

J. Wilson, S. Hanna

S. FORWOOD

ANE



L. POWNEY









F. H. A.



F. F. A.



Librarians



Chess Club



Senate



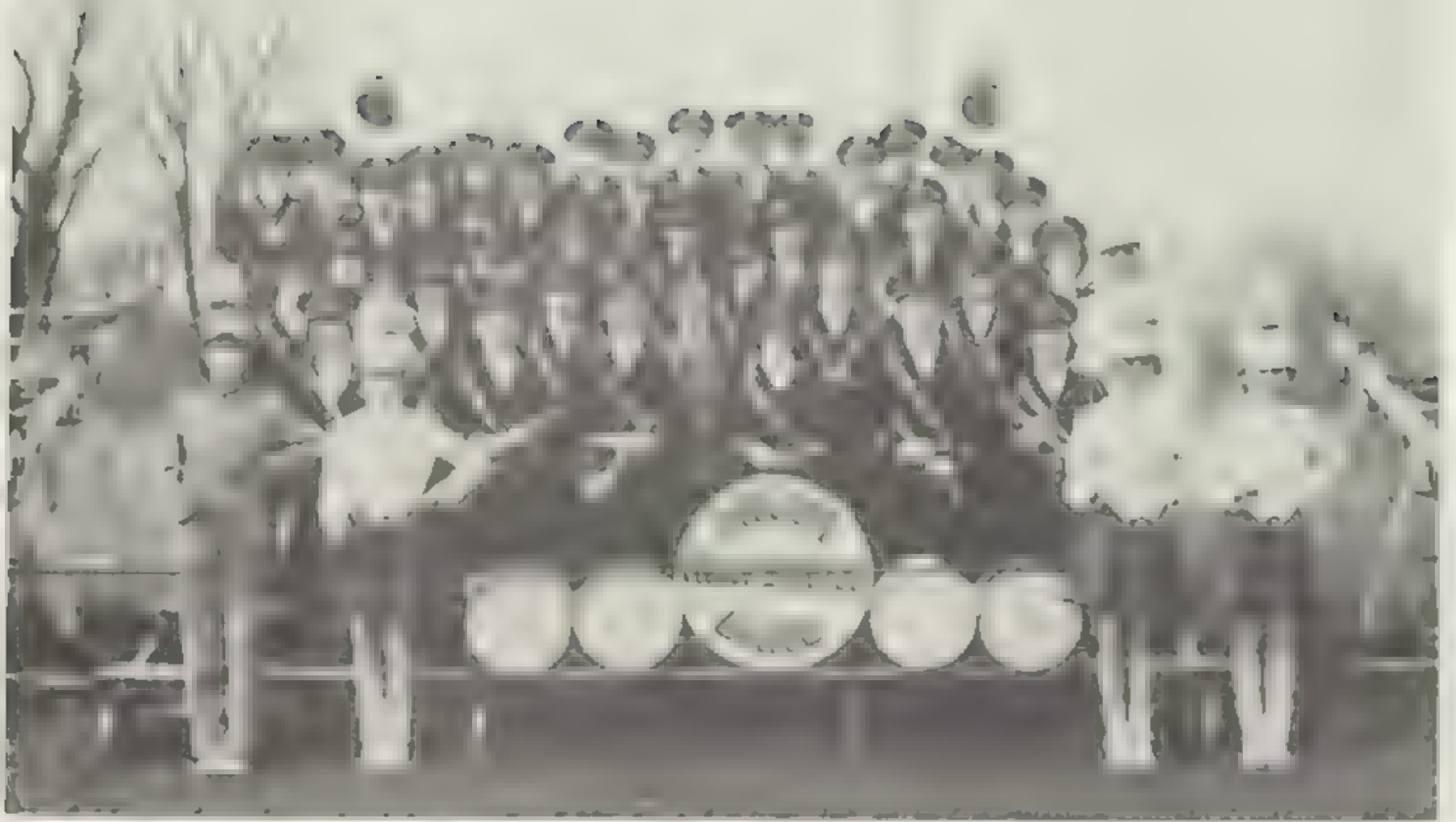
Varsity Club



Commercial Department



Journalism



Band



Chorus



Art Department



Shop



Literature



English



Home Economics



Agriculture



Language Department



Mathematics



History



Science



Drivers Training



Bus Drivers



